

CRUSHING BLOW ADMINISTERED TO REBEL ARMY IN MEXICAN WAR

Constitutionalists Lose Hundreds of Soldiers Both at Puebla and Apizaco According to a State Department Statement Today.

9 CARS OF WOUNDED GO TO VERA CRUZ

General Opinal, ex-Federal Commander, Killed in Ineffective Attempt to Take City With 25 Men—11 of His Officers Captured.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 22.—If General Maytorena will withdraw his Villa forces from the siege of Naco, Mex., General Benjamin Hill's Carranza forces will not pursue him, according to a tentative agreement between Hill and the United States army officers, announced here today.

Maytorena's force is much larger than that of Hill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Mexican constitutionalist army met with crushing defeat at Puebla yesterday, according to official advice to the state department this afternoon from Vera Cruz. Nine cars of wounded have already arrived in Vera Cruz and more are expected. Bodies of four dead officers have reached Vera Cruz.

"It appears from late dispatches," says a state department official today, "that the constitutionalists met a crushing defeat at Apizaco and Puebla. It is reported that on the morning of the 21st, nine cars of wounded and four dead officers arrived at Vera Cruz. It is said that more were expected."

General Opinal Killed.
Further details of an ineffective attack (Continued On Page Seven)

U. S. Ships Are To Be Searched England Says

Want Shippers to Have Cargoes Examined by British Consuls.

England Refuses Immunity But Gives Wide Latitude to Shippers.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—It can be stated positively that no definite agreement has been reached whereby England will refrain from searching ships which leave American ports with statements from English consuls that they are carrying no contraband. England is willing to accept such statements in cases in which there is no reason to believe that the cargoes may have been augmented at sea.

The foreign office is eager to prevent unnecessary delays and is willing that American shippers have their cargoes examined by authorized agents designated by British consuls, provided they desire to do so and America approves such examinations. But England makes no guarantee that under such circumstances cargoes will be exempt from further inspection, if deemed necessary by the admiralty.

It is stated authoritatively that consular inspections in most cases would expedite shipments greatly, as the number of suspected cargoes is comparatively small.

Earlier in the war copper and other contraband were loaded underneath coal or heavy freight, making inspection extremely difficult and necessitating virtually a complete shifting of the cargo. Where bulky articles of contraband are transferred at sea from one ship to another it is impossible to conceal them beneath the entire cargo—consequently it would be easy matter to make a supplemental examination in the cases of vessels whose original cargoes contained no contraband.

Dinner, Lots Of It For Newsies

NEWSBOYS' DINNER PLANS PROGRESSING NICELY—MAYOR BOWEN TO BE PRESENT.

The plans for the Newsboys' Dinner to be given by The West Virginian to the newsboys of the city at the Y. M. C. A. building on New Year's Day are going along nicely.

The Kings Daughters of the M. P. Temple will prepare and serve the dinner and as they have a noted reputation for getting up good things to eat, every newsboy of the city will be assured of a splendid dinner and lots of it.

Mayor Bowen is a lover of the boys and will be on hand to help welcome the newsboy guests of The West Virginian.

Xmas Cheer In Strike Region

VOLUNTEERS SEND LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILDREN OF STRIKING MINERS.

By Associated Press.
WHEELING, Dec. 22.—Christmas cheer for the children of the striking miners in Eastern Ohio was assured today when 34,000 oranges, 17,000 bags of peanuts and 17,000 packages were sent to different points in the strike country. The packages were made up by a score of young women volunteers, working under the direction of Rev. Father McEachen, of Barton, O., who has been active in securing relief for the women and children. Other volunteers will distribute the packages in the villages to which they are sent, and it is planned to have the entire district covered by Thursday night.

Prisoners Granted Christmas Pardons

By Associated Press.
McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 22.—Thirty-four of the fifty-four prisoners in the state penitentiary granted Christmas pardons by Gov. Cruikshank were released today.

Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in east portion.
Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

PROHIBITION FIGHT STARTS WITH DEBATE

House Began at Noon Today to Consider the Hobson Resolution.

A Rousing Chorus of Ayes Greeted the Question and Debate Began.

Passage Requires Two-third Vote in House and Later in Senate.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Under a special rule which was adopted with out a roll call the House began just after noon today on a 8 hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. An aye and nay vote will be reached tonight. A rousing chorus of ayes greeted the question and the House then plunged into one of the most interesting if not the most spectacular debate of the year.

The passage of the rule was conceded by those who opposed the Hobson resolution, many of whom voted for the rule to get the resolution to a vote.

Passage of the resolution requires a two-third vote in the House today and two-thirds vote later in the Senate before it is submitted to States.

The passage of the rule was preceded by a statement by Democratic Leader Underwood and scattering debate on both sides. Mr. Underwood made it clear that Democratic leadership in the house was in favor of meeting the issue with a vote.

"This is not a temperance question," said he. "It has never been. Prohibition has not produced temperance in the land where it has been tried. I regard this question as an attack upon the fundamental principles of our government. If it is allowed to go on without being met, it will mislead many of the people. If allowed to proceed without being combatted, the day may come when it may be a serious menace to the principles of government which you and I believe in. When the time comes to solve the great question there is but one way of facing it. That is in the open. You cannot push it aside. If you are right, you should have the courage of your convictions and stand for the right. Therefore, I say to members who like myself are opposed to this resolution, it is not only your right but your duty to face this question in the open and give reasons why we believe it should not be written into the fundamental law of the land."

17 Bootleggers Are Caught in Wheeling

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Boasting disgusted with the indifference in which the city police department has been handling the bootlegging situation here, county and state officials started a concentrated clean up on it yesterday evening with the result that about a score of persons had been lodged in the county jail at press time. The work of yesterday afternoon and last night, comes after three weeks secret work on the part of two secret service men that have been working under the auspices of the state tax commissioner's office, and under the supervision of the county executives.

Dputy Sheriffs under Sheriff Sweeney, with orders from the prosecuting attorney, worked with ardor that does credit to the force, and the arrests proved their work. J. W. Bee and "Skip" Rathbone worked with the officers all during the night. Their chief, Fred O. Blue, was in the city all day yesterday and held secret conference with the county officials, lasting the greater part of the day.

House Gives Lever Bill Big Majority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Lever warehouse bill was passed today by the House 218 to 87. It provides for Federal licensing of cotton and grain warehouses. The measure now goes to conference between the two houses.

The bill, which had the approval of the administration, was the subject of brief debate, its sponsors contending that it would greatly enhance confidence in agricultural products and its opponents claiming that it was unconstitutional.

HEADS TURKISH ARMY.

General Liman von Sanders Pasha, Sultan's Commander in Chief.



MORGANTOWN JUDGE ISSUES LIQUOR SHIP- MENT INJUNCTION.

By Associated Press.
MORGANTOWN, Dec. 22.—Judge Geo. Sturgis today issued two injunctions restraining the Wells Fargo Express Co. and the B. & O. Railroad Company from accepting liquor shipments from non-residents for consignment for citizens of Monongalia Co., and also restrained both common carriers from delivering such shipments. The decision is based on the new Webb-Keeney federal act and the West state prohibition act. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme court.

Official War News

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war office gave out the official statement as follows:

"Between the sea and the Lye during the day of Dec. 21st there was nothing other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne, we repulsed a German attacking column which was endeavoring to come out from Carency, and we took several houses at Blangy.

An attack of the enemy on Mametz and the near by trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material progress in this direction. In the region of Libons, three attacks of the enemy were repulsed. We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy Le Val, and our artillery delivered an efficacious fire on the plateau of Nouvron.

In the sectors of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery engagements. In Champagne and in the Argonne and in the vicinity of Souain there have been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region.

have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes-Les Hurles three German positions representing a front of intrenchments, 1500 yards long. To the north east of Beaulieu, we have consolidated the positions occupied by us Dec. 26th and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Calvaire.

In the forest of La Gurie our progress continues. At St. Hubert, we repulsed an attack in the forests of Brancas. Here certain ground had been lost but recaptured, two-thirds of it.

Between the Argonne and Meuse there has been slight progress. In the suburbs of Vasquois, to the north of the forest of Malan court, our troops were successful in making their way through a barbed wire entanglement and in taking possession of certain trenches of the enemy where they maintained themselves. On the right bank of the Meuse in the forests of Consenvoye we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight the territory gained by us Dec. 20th. From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report.

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, via wireless to London, Dec. 22.—The German official report given out this afternoon reads as follows:

"At Neuport and in the region (Continued on Page 10.)

Thaw's Return To Matteawan Not Probable

William A. Stone Says Ruling Establishes Sanity of His Client.

Can Serve One Year in Prison on Conspiracy Charge is Worst Prospect.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Still hoping to save Harry K. Thaw from being returned to Matteawan, Attorney William A. Stone presented a new view of the decision of the United States supreme court in reversing the decision of Federal District Judge Aldrich in the Thaw case.

"I understand that the decision provides for Thaw's extradition to New York state as a fugitive from justice, indicted for conspiracy," he said. "If that is the case his sanity already has been recognized by the state of New York and unless Thaw defends himself against the conspiracy charge on a plea of insanity I cannot see how the authorities of New York are going to send him back to Matteawan."

"I do not believe the state of New York can legally have him declared insane after bringing him to trial on a criminal charge. I know also that Thaw will not defend himself with a plea of insanity. Maybe I will advise Thaw to plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy. If the court accepts the plea Thaw's sanity is established."

CONSPIRACY TERM A YEAR.
"The longest term they can give him is in New York for conspiracy is one year. At the end of that year he would be dismissed from custody a free and sane man."

Attorney Stone declared that if any attempt is made to place Thaw in Matteawan upon his return to New York more habeas corpus proceedings would follow. Thaw's other attorney, Philander C. Knox, left Pittsburgh yesterday for Valley Forge, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, was disappointed at the decision, the news of which she received yesterday afternoon and after hearing of the court's opinion she denied herself to callers and refused to comment on the case. She held a lengthy conversation with her son by long distance telephone to Manchester, N. H., and told him of Attorney Stone's opinion.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 22.—Harry K. Thaw soon will make another fight to establish his sanity in the opinion of several acquaintances. The opportunity, confidently expected, will be afforded when Thaw is returned to New York state to answer the indictment charging conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Matteawan.

Outlaw Kills 1 And Wounds 2

SHERIFF WITH POSSE SUR-
ROUNDS HIM IN MOUNTAINS
—HARD BATTLE EXPECTED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Matt Jarrell, who is alleged to have shot and killed deputy sheriff Silas F. Nance and wounded Frank Ratcliff and Josephine Wines while Nance was trying to arrest him, was this morning surrounded in the mountains near Cane Fork by Sheriff Hill and a posse who had trailed him all night. He was believed to be well armed and plentifully supplied with ammunition. Jarrell who was serving a 6 month sentence for pistol toting was recently released on parole.

Unknown Foreigner Is Struck by Train

A foreigner whose identity has not been ascertained at this time was struck by a freight train near Farmington late yesterday afternoon and is now lying at the Miners' hospital in a dangerous condition. The man appears to be about forty years of age, but no clues are obtainable as to who he is or in what manner the accident occurred. The man is suffering with a compound fracture of the skull and it is not thought he can recover. He was brought to the Miners' hospital about eight o'clock last night.

Negro Attacks Man Lynched by a Mob

RULEVILLE, Miss., Dec. 22.—News was brought here today of the lynching of Charles Williams, a negro, on a plantation several miles in the country. Williams, it was charged, attacked the plantation manager late yesterday and in a few hours he was seized by a mob.

REINFORCED RUSSIAN ARMIES HOLD GERMAN INVADERS AT BAY IN BATTLE OF WARSAW

Result of German Campaign in the East is Still a Matter to be Decided in Battle.

GERMANS DEFEATED, RUSSIANS CLAIM

General Joffre Receives Orders to Advance on the German Army in Belgium.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremity of the line of battle in the eastern arena of the war that any marked change is to be noticed today. In the western theatre siege warfare of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation both in the east and west today so far as has been disclosed by official statements. The ultimate outcome of the German advance on Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought.

Although the Russian center has retired it now has been reinforced and is holding a line on the Bzura from its junction with the Vistula.

North of the Vistula, if the reports from Petrograd may be believed the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until their line now stretches behind Soldau in east Prussia.

To the south it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians through the Carpathian mountains has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemyśl which was hurried back after an attempted sortie from this fortress.

The British press commended today on General Joffre's orders to advance as cabled to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity for the document it certainly seems to coincide with the pressure the allies are exerting all along the line. It is not believed in London however that the real work of driving the Germans out of Belgium will begin for some weeks to come. Emperor William's according to the latest report, has gone from Berlin to the western front. This would indicate in the view of British observers that he regards the situation there more important and critical than in the east.

Millionaire and Son Both Shot by Burglar

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—W. M. Alexander, a retired attorney, said to be a millionaire, and for many years a resident of Dallas, Texas, was shot and killed early today by one of two burglars, whom he discovered in his home. W. M. Alexander, Jr., endeavoring to aid his father, was shot in the breast. Another bullet severed the index finger of his left hand. The Alexanders moved from Dallas three years ago to Washington, D. C., where two daughters attended school.

Roumania Restores Bulgarian Province

PETROGRAD, by way of London, Dec. 22.—The Bulgarian minister announced that an agreement had been reached between Roumania and Bulgaria under which Roumania will restore the province of Debrudja and most of the other territory which she acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

"This agreement has been reached without pressure from either the Germans or the allies," said an official connected with the Bulgarian ministry.

Board Will Hear Bankers' Complaint

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The federal board finally arranged today for hearing bankers in protest against designation of Federal reserve cities and definition of reserve districts as made by the reserve bank organization committee.

Pittsburg bankers will protest against their assignment to the Cleveland district January 13, while bankers from Wetzel and Tyler counties, W. Va., will ask transfer from Richmond to the Cleveland district Jan. 27.

Wife and Brother Charged With Murder

By Associated Press.
GRAFTON, Dec. 22.—Following the death of Alonzo Files, near Howardsville, Preston county, as a result of bullet wounds in his breast, his wife and brother, J. W. Files, have been arrested and are being held charged with the murder of the man. The defendant claims that Files committed suicide while under the influence of alcohol, after his brother had made an attempt to take the pistol away from him. The affair is one of the most sensational known in Preston county, owing to the prominence of the people concerned. The preliminary hearing will be held on Saturday.

Germans Put R. R. Back in Operation

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—The Telegraph learns from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railroad from Charloville in Ardennes to Rheims and from Hirsion in Alsace to Monmedy, in the department of the Meuse, 25 miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war. This dispatch indicates that despite the war operations the Germans are busily engaged restoring lines of communication in the territory of Northern France occupied by them, which lines were destroyed by the French when they retreated from the Belgian frontier.

NOTICE

All Union Barber Shops will close all day Xmas. Will be open Thursday until 10 p. m.

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